

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressmen John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that U.S. House of Representatives has approved funding for the William Cullen Bryant Homestead in Cumby, Maine. The funding was included in the fiscal year 2008 Interior, Environment Appropriations bill, which was approved by the House on September 10, 2007.

"The William Cullen Bryant Homestead is a National Historic Landmark with more than 7,000 visitors each year," said Olver. "This funding will help maintain the historic site and ensure it remains a valuable resource for future generations."

The William Cullen Bryant Homestead consists of 195 acres, a vernacular farmhouse and a 19th century barn. The circa 1840 barn is a rare intact survival of a rural New England barn. A barn existed on the site in the 17th century.

William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878) remains a moving force in American history. As editor and publisher of the New York Evening Post, he was a leading voice for reform and a champion of the common man.